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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Rabbi Jacob Luski, Congregation B'Nai, St. Petersburg, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we are grateful to You for this moment of meditation, which can help us to catch our breath in the midst of our busy, crowded, and often self-centered day.

Lift us, lest we be too gloomy to hope, too proud to change, or too timid to venture.

Help us to be guides into unborn tomorrows rather than merchants dealing with yesterdays; to be creative co-operators in the world as it should be, rather than clever competitors in the world as it is.

Help us to appreciate one another and to respect the many and varied ways that we serve You.

Bless all the Members of this House of Representatives. Grant them wisdom so that they may govern our great Nation with justice and compassion.

Guardian of life and liberty, may our Nation always merit Your protection. May the spirit of love and shalom of peace renew our country, our communities, and our world.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI JACOB LUSKI

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, our guest chaplain today is Rabbi Jacob Luski of Congregation B'Nai Israel in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Rabbi Luski is a longtime friend and constituent and one of our community's most respected religious leaders. He has served his congregation faithfully for 32 years and is an important leader in a number of community organizations, including serving as a Jewish chaplain ministering to our veterans for the last 20 years at the Veterans Medical Center at Bay Pines.

Madam Speaker, Rabbi Luski is a 1971 graduate of Georgia Tech with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management. He went on to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and was ordained there in 1977, and he earned his doctorate of divinity degree there in 2003.

Something very interesting about Rabbi Luski: He was born in Havana, Cuba, on November 2, 1949, which makes him, in just a couple of days, 60 years old. But he left Cuba 50 years ago at the age of 10 and came to the United States with his family. Rabbi Luski has with him this morning his mother, his father, and his sister.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to welcome Rabbi Luski to the House this morning, along with his wife, Joanne, and one of his four children, Rachel.

Thank you for your inspiring life story, Rabbi, and for your devotion to

your synagogue and to the people of our community and for your friendship of many, many years.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2996, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. DICKS submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 111-316)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2996), making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

REFERENCES

SECTION 1. Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, namely:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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